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SUBJECT: KUWAIT CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC PROGRAMS

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1. DCM HAS RAISED WITH FORMIN DIRECTOR UN AFFAIRS (FAYSAL AL-RIFA'I) POSSIBILITY OF SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE KUWAITI CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC. LATTER LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, DISPLAYED GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND PROMISED TO "LOOK INTO MATTER". AMBASSADOR PLANS FOLLOW UP WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTER AT AN EARLY TIME.

2. EMBASSY REMAINS WILLING TO MAKE CONTINUING DEMARCHES TO GOK ON US-RELATED ISSUES, INCLUDING SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR US BODIES. HOWEVER, WE FIND THIS FRUSTRATING TASK AND SUSPECT IT MAY BE BECOMING COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. SENIOR GOK OFFICIALS GENERALLY ARE WELL-VERSED IN US AFFAIRS AND HAVE DEFINITIVE VIEWS CONCERNING KUWAIT'S RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE UN AND ASSOCIATED BODIES. THEY RESENT BEING REMINDED OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES AND, PARTICULARLY, OF WHAT UN BODIES DESERVE GOK FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

3. WE BELIEVE EXAGGERATED KUWAITI SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE CAUSES
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THEM TO DISCOUNT OR EVEN ASSUME NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS UN

MATTERS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO USG. PERHAPS WE WOULD BE
BETTER ADVISED TO TRY TO "GET TO" GOK BY WORKING MORE ON KUWAITI
REPRESENTATIVES TO UN BODIES, PROMINENT LEADERS OF OTHER NON-
ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND BY ENCOURAGING MORE AGGRESSIVE SOLICI-
TATIONS BY UN ITSELF. UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WILL BE IN
KUWAIT FEB 17-18. WE HOPE HE WILL PRESS NEED FOR SUPPORT
OF UNFDAC WITH SAME VIGOR EXPECTED OF THIS EMBASSY.
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